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National News at a glance

INKATHA & RIGHT-WING WHITES THREATEN SOUTH AFRICAN VOTE: The Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party recently joined with the racist Afrikaner Volksfront in announcing it would boycott upcoming elections, which are expected to produce South Africa's first black president. The Volksfront opposes the elections because of its strong opposition to black majority rule. But conservative Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi objects to the likelihood that African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela will become South Africa's first black president — a position to which Buthelezi has long aspired. Whether Buthelezi can convince most Zulu tribe members to boycott the elections is in doubt. But, the alliance of the conservative Inkatha party with racist whites presages violence prior to and after the elections which are scheduled for April 28 - 29. Regardless, the elections are expected to take place since between them Inkatha and the Volksfront account for no more than 20 percent of the total population. — JOHANNESBURG, S AFRICA

EVERS VERDICT GIVES HOPE TO SOLVING OTHER RACE MURDERS: The recent conviction of a white supremacist in the 30-year-old murder of civil rights leader Medgar Evers, has raised hopes that similar unsolved racial murders from the turbulent 1960's will also be resolved. Judge D'Army Bailey, founder of the civil rights museum in Memphis, Tennessee, said: "There ought to be no refuge in space or time" for those who killed Civil Rights activists during the 1950's and 1960's. The assassination of Evers in 1963 was the first killing of a Civil Rights leader. But there are numerous other unsolved or partially solved cases. Among them are the 1955 beating and shooting death of 14-year-old Emmett Till because he whistled at a white woman in Money, Mississippi and the murders of three Civil Rights workers in Philadelphia, Mississippi in 1964. Eight Klansmen served less than six years in prison for federal conspiracy charges for those killings. But Mississippi never brought murder charges. — JACKSON MS

DRUG USE LOWEST AMONG BLACK TEENAGERS: The annual survey of drug use among the nation's teenagers by the University of Michigan shows that after dropping for 10 years, cigarette smoking and drug use are on the rise again. But the survey found that drug use is lowest among students in high school and eighth grade students. The report led to new charges that the nation's war-against-drugs is discriminatory, since an estimated 70 percent of the arrested are white and nearly 70 percent of those arrested are black. Meanwhile, according to the survey, the legal drug of

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Farrakhan addresses controversy

PHILADELPHIA—Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI) in an exclusive and wide ranging interview with the Philadelphia Tribune earlier this week, spoke out on Jewish efforts to "defame" him, Black leaders who bow to external forces, and "the wicked, racist bigoted behavior" of those who are trying to prevent his scheduled appearance on the Arsenio Hall Show.

During the telephone interview from his Chicago office, which lasted more than an hour, Farrakhan said that the recent flurry of

condemnation and negative news coverage of the Nation of Islam are part of the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) campaign to cripple his credibility and that of the Nation of Islam.

The ADL has repeatedly stated that Farrakhan is hateful, bigoted and anti-Semitic. Farrakhan, in his first extensive interview with any newspaper in nearly a year, said pressure from Jewish groups is being exerted to block his scheduled Feb. 25 appearance on the Arsenio Hall Show as part of a Black History Month observance.

Farrakhan said that Arsenio Hall is receiving "a tremendous amount of pressure" to cancel his appearance.

"I think that this is manifest wicked, racist, bigoted behavior at its worst. Right now on my list have invitations from Mike Wallace, Phil Donahue, Ted Koppel, Tom Brokaw, Connie Chung, Forest Sawyer, and others to appear on their television shows anytime I desire.

"And if I were to accept any one of these (invitations), no member of the ADL (or member of the Jewish community) would dare

tell these whites that they couldn't have me on their show. But they live by terrifying Blacks in position(s) of authority and power, so we would be so frightened of losing the position that they feel they have given us

that we would do their bidding." Farrakhan, 61, said that so far "Arsenio Hall is standing strongly." He added that the entire Black community should rise up and send Arsenio Hall letters of support letting him know that "we stand behind his fight to

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CAPTION (LR) Gail Thompson, chairperson of the Board, NESF; Lorna Johnson, chairperson of the Board, Woodson Foundation; E. Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper, honorary co-chair On-Stage in New Jersey; Gene Wesley, executive director, Woodson Foundation; Sharpe James, honorary co-chair On-Stage in New Jersey; and Bonnie Perry, executive director NESF.

Seventh season of Onstage benefits Newark Emergency Services

NEWARK—Mayors Sharpe James, Cardell Cooper and Michael Steele recently joined The Carter G. Woodson Foundation, to announce the seventh season of the On-Stage In New Jersey performing arts series.

This year's series entitled "Dimensions: Shared Cultures of African Descendants" is a testament to the African spirit that survived the Atlantic crossing and took root in the soils of America and the Caribbean, forever influencing our music and dance.

Since 1988, On-Stage In New Jersey has presented celebrated African-American artists throughout the state, and provides local artists opportunities to showcase their talent.

Mayor James, a long time advocate for

urban performing arts, applauded the work of On-Stage saying, "The Woodson Foundation continues to develop informative, inspirational Afrocentric programs. This year's series is a cultural learning experience everyone should have."

Featured in the 1994 schedule are: Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Sweet Honey In The Rock, celebrating twenty years together. Forces of Nature, Sandra Reaves in The Late Great Ladies of Jazz and Blues, Hugh Masakela, and Oddball Performances will take place in six major New Jersey municipalities—Newark, East Orange, Irvington, Englewood, Montclair, and Rahway.

"I'm delighted to once again serve as an Honorary Co-Chair for the On-Stage series," said Mayor Cardell Cooper. "The City of East Orange is proud to have hosted the magnificent Maya Angelou and Terry McMillan, and looks forward to being host to the Pan Jersey Steel Orchestra this year..." Mayor Steele added, "Despite the artificial municipal boundaries separating us, Mayors' Cooper, James and I are united in furthering the cause of African-American creative expression."

The series will host a series of free events, which include: The Pan Jersey Steel Orchestra, Sister Sadie and the Famous Bibles, and Metamorphosis: An Anthology of Poetry from Newark Public School Students.

Rice unveils alternative for violent school offenders

NEWARK—"The 3 R's" has now become the 4 R's: "readin', 'ritin', 'rithmetic and RISK," according to N.J. State Senator Ronald L. Rice (D-28th), referring to the growing occurrence of violence in schools. According to a 1994 N.J. Dept. of Education Violence and Vandalism Prevention Task Force Report, nearly three million crimes occur on or near school property each year, while 135,000 guns are brought into schools everyday. To help combat this problem, the Senator has developed legislation which would "provide alternative educational environments for students who commit violent acts on school grounds."

Rice, also a Newark Councilman (West Ward), says that violence in schools has gotten to be "pervasive and out of hand. Therefore," he states "it has a direct and negative effect on the learning process in all school settings—from urban public to the most exclusive suburban private school." The Senator's legislative proposal calls for creating a "specific school in each school district to house and educate violent offenders." The proposed setting may be a separate area within an existing school (utilizing existing staff members who receive special training) or a totally separate school setting with new personnel. Rice says "those of this is two-fold: it takes the disruptive and potentially dangerous students away from the other students to learn in a non-disruptive environment and secondly it provides counseling, mentoring and redirection of mindset for the violent student while motivating them academically."

Reebok announces plans to return to South Africa

Company's re-entry to encompass local ownership, training and community support

STOUGHTON, MA.—In response to Nelson Mandela's appeal for foreign companies and investors to return to South Africa, Reebok International Ltd. announced today its decision to re-enter the country in March 1994 and to establish what it hopes will be a model program for companies doing business in the post-apartheid era.

A major supporter of the human rights movement worldwide, Reebok left South Africa at the request of anti-apartheid activists in 1987 and encouraged other members of the sporting goods industry to get out and stay out until apartheid was effectively dismantled. "Mr. Mandela has asked for our

support, he has reviewed our plan and described it as being consistent with his vision for a new South Africa," said John Daerden, Executive Vice President, Global Operations, Reebok International Ltd. "Our decision to re-enter South Africa prior to the April elections indicates our support of the democratic process and our desire to make a difference in the lives of the South African majority."

In a recent interview, South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a strong supporter of Reebok's re-entry into his country, asked that Americans "please listen to the

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Kwame Ture to speak at Plainfield public library

PLAINFIELD—World renowned political activist, Kwame Ture will be the speaker at the next Langston Hughes Lecture Series presentation at the Plainfield Public Library in the meeting room, on Sunday, February 27, from 2-4 p.m. Ture has more than two decades of political experience in the Civil Rights, Black Power, and Pan-African movements. He has developed an intimate understanding of the leading trends, ideas, organizations, and personalities within the var-

ious movements for civil, democratic and human rights.

While attending Howard University, Ture was very active in the struggle for civil rights, and worked actively in the Non-Violent Action Group (NAG), an affiliate of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). As early as 1960, Ture worked with SNCC and became its chairperson in 1966. In 1972, he announced the

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Plainfield school officials seek energy department funding

PLAINFIELD—when representatives from the Plainfield Public Schools traveled to Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, February 1, their goal was to negotiate Jobs for Plainfield high school graduates. The group met with the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to outline a comprehensive education program in the school district that would result in Plainfield High School students qualifying for jobs in the growing energy field.

According to Debbie Myers, president of the Plainfield Board of Education, "the two agencies were extremely supportive of our program. The Department of Energy will visit the Plainfield school district on March 15 as a first step in qualifying for financial assistance. The EPA is also working with us in identifying and securing funding for the program. The Plainfield group was headed by Ms. Myers; board member Veronica DeNoia and acting superintendent of schools, Dr. Ronald Frye.

In addition to consideration for financial assistance, the Department of Energy offered to train teachers in the district, opened the door for teachers to participate in a summer internship program run by the Department and link the school district to energy-related research centers at Princeton and Trenton.

The education program discussed in Washington, D.C. is a three-pronged proposal, which would lead to a graduate certificate upon high school graduation, prepare a student for technical training at a two-year college and would allow the student to attend a

four-year college. The program will involve education in such areas as recycling, conservation, hazardous waste disposal, pollution, ecology and other related issues.

Dr. Frye stated that the program is designed for kindergarten through twelfth grade. "It includes environmental clean up as well as

an energy education awareness program that will develop skills and understanding needed to prepare students for jobs.

The group also met with Senator Frank Lautenberg's aides to outline their activities and vision for bringing energy related jobs to the state.



From left: Dr. Ronald Frye, acting superintendent of schools; Mr. Richard Stephens, director of University and Science Education Programs, Department of Energy; and Ms. Debbie Myers, president of the Plainfield Board of Education.

Community Calendar

EVERY WEDNESDAY

IRVINGTON—Irvington Dept. of Health and Welfare presents a Young Fathers Program. Offering Counseling, employment, education, medical/health assistance and much more. Group meets from 12-4 p.m. in the hospital's ambulatory dept. For further information call 399-5124.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 30

MADISON—Photography Exhibition by Paul Strand. Twenty hand grained photos from Strand's "Mexico portfolio" at the Arts of Central Africa. Gallery is located in room H-113. Hours are Monday - Friday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday 12-4 p.m. For further information call 201-596-8532 for more information.

NOW THRU MARCH 4

POMONA—The Richard Stockton College of NJ Art Gallery presents an exhibit of Arts of Central Africa. Gallery is located in room H-113. Hours are Monday - Friday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday 12-4 p.m. For further information call 908-757-0190.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 27

WATCHUNG—Watching Arts Center presents a "Blast of Color" a dramatic exhibition of various paintings. The exhibition is on view Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For further information call 908-757-0190.

FEBRUARY 22 THROUGH APRIL

PLAINFIELD—The Library Volunteers of America-Plainfield chapter will host English language workshops for those who would like to learn. Plainfield Public Library, 5th St. and Park Ave. Every Tuesday, night from 6-9 p.m. For more information call 908-757-1111.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

JERSEY CITY—Legal Education Night, a series of free private consultations with Leonard J. Altamura, Esq., will be held 6-8 p.m., and Karen DeAngelis, Dir. of the JCSC Women's Center, will speak on "How to Finance Your College or Graduate Education" 6:30 p.m. at the Women's Center. Call 201-200-3189.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

NEWARK—Essex County College will hold an African-American Breakfast from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Second Level

Forum. For more information call 201-877-3057.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents a symposium: "Ancient Nubia: Egypt's Rival in Africa" 9 a.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more information call 201-596-6550.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College is offering a ten week "Security Management and Administration Institute," a non credit course for security managers and law enforcement personnel. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. to register call 201-200-3089.

FEBRUARY 26-27

SOMERSET—"Native American Sky Legends." The beauty of the stories being told in the realistic planetarium sky create an experience that will last a lifetime. Shown at 1-4 p.m. at the Planetarium, Raritan Valley Community College. For ticket information call 908-251-8805.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

PLAINFIELD—The Zora Neale Hurston Literary Society meets at 3 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, Park Avenue. This reading "Racis Matriarch" by Cornell West. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

NEW YORK—Building Families Through Adoption: A Tapestry of Love, Music, dance, and verse. Special performance by the Plan Calibee Dance Co. 515 Malcolm X Blvd (Lenox Ave. at 125th) Harlem. For information call 212-309-0000.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

PLAINFIELD—Sagorner—A One Woman Play. Cecily Peterson will reenact the story of Sagorner Truth, in a one woman play showing her rise from slavery to national prominence. Public Library, 5th St. and Park Ave. 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

PLAINFIELD—The Zora Neale Hurston Literary Society meets at 3 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, Park Avenue. The reading entitled "Free" will be performed by Marsha Hunt. For more information call 908-757-1111.

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Moore elected chairperson of healthy mothers program

PLAINFIELD—Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition of Plainfield, recently elected Denise Moore, of Plainfield to serve as their chairperson for the next two years. Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies is a part of Plainfield's Division of

Health, the coalition's mission is to reduce the infant mortality rate in Plainfield.

Individuals interested in volunteering for Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies should contact the coordinator at 753-3388.

Mural Magic



NEWARK—Mural Magic, a pilot arts education program reaching 13 Essex County community organizations and 148 public and private schools in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic and Union Counties, has been launched by the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. School children will create 212 4x8 paintings which will be installed as landscape mural surrounding the Arts Center's construction site. Pictured at a teacher orientation session held recently at the Newark Museum are, from left, Donald M. Karp, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Broad National Bank; Newark art teachers Marvin Harris of Alexander Street School and Jean Orgo of Dayton Elementary School, and Philip Thomas, NUPAC Director of Arts Education.

Mayor's Commission to honor "Unsung Heroines"

NEWARK—The Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women will hold its Second Annual Luncheon, Friday, March 4th at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. Women who have made significant contributions to the city will be honored as "Unsung Heroines" at the luncheon as a part of Women's History Month celebration in March.

The women to be honored are Toni O'Flagerty, community activist and former employee until her retirement with the Essex County Department of Citizens; Shirley M. Ward, Manager of Community Affairs; PSE&G; Arlene Presley-Pleasant, Greater Harvest Baptist Church and Newark Nutrition Pro-

gram and Jeannette Ramos, Coordinator, Senior Services, La Casa Da Don Pedro.

"These women have been working on behalf of the citizens of the greater Newark area for many years," said Trish Morris-Yamba, commission chairwoman. "We wanted to thank them in this special way for the outstanding service they have provided to others over the years."

In addition to the honorees, scholarships will be awarded to two Newark high school seniors to assist with their future education. For tickets and further information about the luncheon, call Morris-Yamba at 201-643-5710.

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Personal insecurity

Personal insecurity can be tormenting. Feelings of inadequacy can make life hell. A negative self-image can make one feel inferior to everyone else. Acute neurosis (extreme negative feelings) can make the victim lash out at the world.

The true neurotic thinks, "I don't like myself, so no one else will like me either. Therefore, I don't like anyone else. I'll hurt them before they have a chance to reject me."

In a recent column, there was a man who tormented everyone because of insecurity. He instantaneously attacked other people.

You might have a pleasant conversation with the neurotic person when, suddenly, without warning, he will attack you. You ask, "what did I do to make you angry?" The victim might not know why he is suddenly angry with you. Personal insecurity is so devastating and so deeply ingrained in the victim, that angry emotions arise, even without warning. He doesn't attempt to control emotions. He just lets them take over his entire being. He might criticize, abuse, insult or plot against the other person without realizing that it is happening.

Something about you made him feel inadequate. It could have been something that you innocently said. It could have been your nice clothes that made him dislike you. It could have been something positive about you that reminded the insecure person of something negative about himself. Most adults have at least some negative feelings about certain aspects of themselves, but they use their maturity to control their emotions. But, this highly insecure individual, about whom we spoke, earlier, is extremely immature. He may be 30, 40 or more, but is nevertheless as stable, emotionally, as a 10-year-old child.

The emotional outbursts occur so often that he will abuse someone, make ugly criticisms about that person and forget that he did it. The next day, he will try to be your friend.

He is, however, shrewd enough to trick you into trusting and befriending him. His tactic is to tell you some gossip or a lie about someone else. Everybody likes gossip, so you listen to him. Your mistake is that you begin to trust him with confidential information, since you think that he is giving you secret information. What you fail to realize is that he is telling people lies about you, too. He has tricked you into thinking that you are special. You will eventually hate him too, when you discover that he has lied to and about you.

He once told me, "I know that I am screwed up. I know that I hurt people. I know that people hate me, but I cannot control my moods. I want to control my moods. I want to have friends. I know that I need help, but I don't have enough nerve to seek it."

The fact is that as long as he makes no effort to get help, his behavior will remain as ugly as it is, and his life will be without friends.

If you or someone you know is like this man, contact the American Psychological Association, or The Association of Black Psychologists. You can also get free assistance from your city's social services agency. As a last resort, obtain my column on Changing Your Own Behavior, by sending me a legal-size, stamped, self-addressed envelope to: P.O. Box 20086, Seattle, WA 98102-1086.

Ture to speak

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creation of Kwame Nkrumah's All-African People's Revolutionary Party (A-APRP). Since that time he has been an organizer for the A-APRP. He has an inclusive analysis of the national liberation movements of Africa, the Caribbean, North/South/Central America, the Middle East, Asia and Europe.

Celebrate Black History with Bethany Baptist students

NEWARK—The Bethany Baptist Church School will sponsor a black history program which celebrates the richness of our culture through sight, sound and taste.

This three part program will consist of African-American Storytelling, Art Exhibitions from students in Newark Public Schools and ethnic food sampling. The pro-

gram is scheduled for February 27, at 1:30 p.m. Bethany Baptist Church is located at 275 West Market St. For further information call 201-623-8161.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

When changing the channels doesn't help

This editorial is not about Tonya Harding or Nancy Kerrigan. It will not revisit Joe Buatafoai at all. Nor do we care about the Maria Maples underwear burglary. What we do believe is that our leaders and the media should get on with the business of telling the truth about the quality of living as opposed to the size of the endorsements that many of these infamous celebrities, thanks to them, are now able to garner.

Some may want to know how our fellow Americans in Los Angeles are faring after the earthquake and mud slides. We might want information on how the soon-to-be-free majority in South Africa is preparing to vote. We might want to know how children in urban cities are of quality of living in math and science or what impact the new health proposal will have on our businesses, jobs and families.

It is ludicrous that we have the latest technology, super information highways, mega staffs to run network newsrooms and the most we can gain from the millions of dollars spent weekly in news gathering are stories, that become made-for-TV movies being aired on the 11:30 p.m. news.

At one time, TV was known for news and entertainment. Now we have entertainment and entertainment news. Maybe the TV moguls should rethink their strategies for gaining audiences. Maybe during this month of ratings sweeps, networks could surprise viewers with intelligent information. Who knows, we might continue to change channels rather than turn the tube off completely.

Letter to the editor

South Ward Multi-purpose senior center helping those in need

Dear Connie,

I am an avid reader of your column and admire your candid and straight forward style of telling it as it is. This note is in reference to the Leaguers Community Center located on Clinton Avenue in Newark.

Connie please be advised that the South Ward Multi-Purpose Senior Center is housed in the Leaguers Building.

The South Ward Center was founded during the Gibson Tenure about eighteen years ago and continues to thrive under the Honorable Mayor James.

The City of Newark rents the Leaguers from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. It is true that we have on sight hot meals daily, we also have job placement, adult education, counseling, literacy programs, arts and craft, drama classes and much more.

The South Ward Multi-Purpose Senior Center is one of the largest city run centers in Newark, however we are not affiliated with The Leaguers.

In Closing Connie I wish you good health and prosperity and I pray that you will always feel Gods loving presence near you.

Sincerely
Peacola Simms
Director South Ward Center.

Quote of the Week

You may write me down in history
with your bitter, twisted lies, you
may trod me in the very dirt but
still, like dust, I'll rise.

—Maya Angelou



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

The NAACP's announced plan to host a national summit of black leaders that will include Minister Louis Farrakhan leader of the Nation of Islam, is welcomed news. It demon-

strates the revitalized role the organization is enjoying under the leadership of Executive Director Benjamin Chavis. His years of involvement in the black liberation movement and firsthand knowledge of what it's like to be a political prisoner in this country, serve as assets to the NAACP's

efforts to reclaim its leadership role in the black community.

Chavis stated that the summit would be part of a follow-up to unity pledge made by those black leaders who participated in a political forum held at Howard University this past September. It was this forum that caused great concern among certain segments of the white power structure because of the participation of Minister Louis Farrakhan. The declaration by Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Kweisi Mfume of a "sacred covenant" with the Nation of Islam, as a result of the shared desire to unite black leadership around some common goals to work together, was not welcomed by those who wish to keep our community divided and fighting each other.

The attacks against the Nation of Islam unfortunately, the speech made by Khalid Abdul Muhammad at Ken College in November, containing a number of derogatory and offensive remarks which were totally unjustified in nature, gave the white controlled mainstream media ammunition to use against their ongoing assault on the Nation of Islam. Instead of the focus being on the positive work the Nation of Islam is involved in: helping to drive out the dope dealers and pushers in the community; economic development; AIDS education; political empowerment; educational reform, etc., the

negativism. Aside from the fact that politicians make no serious analysis of time and its relationship to crime, they are cavalier in their attitude, limited and negative in their understanding of the character implications of time and service—implications incapable of translation or communication in "three strikes you're in," "three strikes you're out."

When we talk about crime and its cure and prevention we need to talk in the positive; and we need to talk, not about what is done to a person, but about what the person does of his own initiative. How he conceives time; and how he thinks about it, relative to self and society.

I think time is life. Time is precious, a gift of God and the Universe. And when it is wasted or caught to be wasted—as a result of shortsighted policy and legislation, incarceration, or misguided personal choice—the whole society sustains the loss.

Time is of the Universe. Possessed by no one, yet possessed by all people. You take possession of your parcel of time by managing it with mastery poured out over a lifetime of service to society. Service defined as chosen effort put to constructive good is society's gain.

Politicians not only distort and misuse the meaning of time. They distort the idea of "service."

Politicians' notion of "serving" time is a lot like the kind of thinking that erects, on the grounds of George Washington's Mt. Vernon home, a memorial to American slaves thanking them for "service" to America. A convict's "service" is as a slave.

Slaves don't "serve!" Not in the way I'm talking about. Neither do

child prostitutes, pawns of pornography, migrant laborers, convict, drafty and molested persons. You can't call it service when personal choice is foreclosed; when choice is denied or removed. When people are drafted, coerced, driven, lied to, used without their consent or against their wills, what results is not the gift of service. The nature of these situations and the manner in which people entered into them preclude choice.

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Now, I carry a gun legally. The courts say it is my constitutional right due to certain reasonable conditions.

Why I carry a gun

In December, 1993, I became one of the African-American civilians, and only one of 13 residents of any age in Los Angeles, to be granted a license to carry a concealed firearm in over 15 years.

The awarding of these 13 gun permits, however, was not an act of charity by the city fathers. It only happened because CORE and a number of other organizations filed suit challenging the city's right to waive its obligation to uphold the Constitution. The other organizations may have had other reasons for joining in the suit but for CORE, the issue was very clear. We had learned from past history.

"The history of gun control in America," Malcolm X often said, "is the history of racial and class suppression."

Malcolm X was talking about the strict interpretation of the Second Amendment. People have the right to protect themselves.

During slavery, blacks were prohibited from owning firearms. And, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Taney put an exclamation point on that practice when he wrote, in *Dred Scott v. Sandford* (1857), that "the Negro had no rights which the white man was bound to respect."

Following the World War II, it took the Freedman's Bureau Act of 1866, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and the first portion of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution to nullify Jim Crow laws passed to keep blacks from owning or carrying guns. Blacks had good reasons for wanting that right regained. The Ku Klux Klan and many redneck sheriff's deputies were picking off unarmed blacks as if they were skeet.

Writer Dan Gifford told the story of how blacks in Monroe, North Carolina armed themselves to ward off the Klan on Oct. 5, 1957. Eighty carloads of Klansmen were rode into town to harass Dr. Albert Perry, a local civil

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

NEWARK—ECC hosting an African-American History Month Committee Children's Day 9 a.m. on the third Level - Yellow Area. For more information call 201-877-3067.

FEBRUARY 28 & 27

NEW YORK—Toy Making, at the Children's Museum of the Arts. \$4 per person aged 18 months-65 yrs. Children under 18 months, adults over 65 and members admitted free.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

SOMERSET—The New Jersey Ballet will perform their collecting version of "Cinderella" with some strange looking stepsisters, at Raritan Valley College, 1, 3:30 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each. For information call 908-725-5430.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

SUMMIT—Metal Work Workshop (ages 6-9) Learn how to emboss sheets of metal to create raised designs and pictures. All materials provided. 3:30-5 p.m. by the New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts. For more info, call 908-273-9121.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

LINCROFT—The African-American Family Festival will be held at Brookdale College. For more info, call 908-224-2303.

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Who's Who among black students

N. DARTMOUTH, MA—To highlight Black college and high school students' achievements, Dr. Singleton, a black education professor, is in the process of publishing annually a national Who's Who Among Black College Students and Who's Who Among Black High School Students. The first two editions will feature black student's academic, creative, and leadership accomplishments.

For a student to be eligible, he/she has to meet any one of the following flexible rules: Academics, Creativity and Leadership. For further information call 508-999-8000.

NJIT Open House

NEWARK—NJIT and the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) will host its winter open house on Sunday, February 27 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Hazlet Center. Activities will include informal discussions with faculty, students and staff, campus tours, presentations and financial aid, admissions, and cooperative education, and laboratory demonstrations.

The Educational Opportunity Program at NJIT provides comprehensive support services for students who may need some academic and/or financial assistance. Applications for the EOP Program, which requires no fee, as well as scholarship information will be available at the EOP Workshop during the Winter Open House. For further information call 201-596-5674.



Members of the Education Is Salvation student group (L-R) Melissa Thomas, Mahogany Hendricks, Second row (L-R) Thierry Thomas, April Harrison, Kamili Johnson, Spring Harrison, Mike Weber, Janeth Sanchez, Back row (L-R) Terrance Bowen, Stephanie Mack, Dawn Holland, Mr. Dave Lichtenstein, Chaka Tucker, and Alexander Nunez. Photo by Bill Frolich

Plainfield students perform at arts festival

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield students premiered scenes from their new assembly program at the recent Very Special Arts Festival at Union County College. The students are part of the "Education Is The Salvation" performing group at Plainfield High School. Their show is part of a theatre project that has been developing at the school for several years, incorporating entertainment and education for a stay-in-school message.

At the Festival they danced, sang, rapped and acted in skits illustrating the message.

The assembly, which is geared for elementary and middle-school students, has three goals: to promote the value of all educational subjects, to deal with problems outside of school that effect classroom behavior and to promote multi-cultural understanding.

The group, which receives guid-

ance from its faculty founder, Mr. David Lichtenstein, is currently preparing to make a series of motivational video tapes, again using entertainment to urge younger students to take school seriously. The group plans on performing their assembly program in schools that view the tapes.

Schools wishing to have the group perform for their students can contact Mr. Lichtenstein at Plainfield High School at 908-753-3183.

Morehouse hosts prospective students

ATLANTA—Throughout its 127 year history, Morehouse College has produced many accomplished leaders, such as Nobel Laureate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., award-winning filmmaker Spike Lee, Ebony magazine senior editor Dr. Lerone Bennett Jr., Atlanta Life Insurance founder T.M. Alexander, Olympian Edwin Moses, former Atlanta mayor Maynard Jackson, former Health and Human Services secretary Dr. Louis Sullivan, National Center for Disease Control director Dr. Davidatcher, and Morehouse senior Nima Warfield, the first African-American Rhodes Scholar from an historically black college.

Morehouse is committed to providing exemplary leadership into the 21st century. Each year the College hosts a four-day Prospective Student

Seminar (PSS), recruiting interested students from across the country. About 90 percent of the students who participate in PSS enroll at Morehouse as incoming freshmen.

The Seminar is unique compared to other college open houses, because of its intimacy and the degree of interaction the participants receive with the Morehouse student body, faculty and staff. Although the participants are housed in an Atlanta hotel, they are transported to the Morehouse campus every day for lectures, informative sessions on college policies and history, and cultural and social activities.

"For four days, young high school men will eat, sleep, and breathe like Morehouse students," said Stephen Hudson, co-founder of PSS and dean of freshmen at the College.

The 1993 Prospective Student Seminar is slated for April 6 through 10, and will be headquartered at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel located in midtown Atlanta. Total cost for the Seminar is \$365.00, which includes meals, hotel accommodations, transportation within Atlanta, and admission to all planned activities. Acceptance to the seminar is on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline for applications is March 4, 1994. More information and applications can be obtained by contacting the Morehouse Admissions Office at 1-800-851-1254, or P.O. Box 1088, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia 30314.



Panelists: Joseph Phillips, Brenda Shockley, James Mume. South Orange resident member of Summit '94 panel James Mume will serve as one of the panelists on TBS' Summit '94 scheduled to air on Saturday, February 26. Mume is a Grammy Award-winning producer, writer and jazz recording artist. This year's roundtable discussion will be on violence in America. Also joining the panel for several segments are two members of the Gladiators, Inc., an Atlanta-based non-profit service and support organization for today's teenage youth. Fifteen-year-old Shaleka Dix and seventeen-year-old Derrick Mattox provide a perspective that is often missed from discussions of violence, that of the people most affected—young people.



James Chaney 1943-1964



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Morton Street school honors African-American inventor

NEWARK—As a part of their Black History Month celebration, students at the Morton Street School will pay tribute to African-American inventor Lewis Latimer on Friday, February 25.

At a special assembly program, sixth-grade students at Morton will designate the day as "Lewis Latimer Day" in honor of the inventor, who was the only African-American to be a part of the Thomas Edison Pioneers. The son of a runaway slave, Latimer was an inventor, a patent expert, a draftsman, an engineer, an author, a poet and a musi-

cian. The best known of his numerous accomplishments is his invention and patent of a process for making carbon filaments for light bulbs.

Guest speaker for the program will be Mrs. Winifred Norman, Latimer's granddaughter. She will speak to students about her grandfather's life as an African-American inventor and will discuss some of his inventions and experiments. In preparation for the program the students have researched Latimer's background and are recreating several of his experiments.

John F. Kennedy students performs Songs of Our People

NEWARK—In a tribute to the late reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and in commemoration of Black History Month, the students of John F. Kennedy School will present a performance of *Songs of Our People*, on Thursday, February 24 at 10 a.m.

According to Mr. John J. Conte, principal of the school "the significance of Black History Month can-

not be forgotten. Our special education children deserve the opportunity to participate in activities which will enhance their cultural awareness. We encourage the parents of these wonderful children to attend the program an show support for their children." The play highlights some of the songs that have been and are a large part of the African-American experience.

ECC hosts 3rd annual children's book festival

NEWARK—Essex County College's Saturday Youth Program will host its third annual Children's Book Festival on Saturday, February 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the main Newark campus.

The festival, which is part of the college's Black History Month celebration, is designed to encourage young people to read more. According to Carolyn Miller, director of On-Campus Continuing Education, "the festival is filled with meaning and imagination specifically geared

tup, listen African folktales, browse through books and articles and participate in workshops and demonstrations designed to improve reading skills. They will include workshops.

The festival will include workshops on self-esteem for children, storytelling, creative bookmarks, mask and puppetry making African Dance and drum, magic, hair braiding, face painting and family films. The festival is free and open to the public.

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Religious Calendar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

NEWARK—Annual Black History Day Celebration. First Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 186 Thomas St. Rev. Dr. L.R. Durham, Pastor. Guest speaker for the 11 a.m. service: Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor, Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield High School's Gospel Choir presents "The Promises." Dinner and Fashion show, \$18.00 donation. Call Mrs. G. Thomas 908-755-5161, or Mrs. D. Gray 908-753-3185.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

TEANECK—The internationally known "Cumberland Boys" will perform at Fairleigh Dickinson's Library Auditorium, River Road (south of Rt. 4) at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Unity Church of Christ in Teaneck. For more information call 201-836-6333.

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New Jerusalem Baptist church installs new Pastor

NEWARK—Rev. Willie S. Wilburn, Pastor Elect of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church will be installed as its 12th pastor in 57 years since the founding of the church.

The late Rev. Bowers, founder of the church on Prince Street in Newark, was its first pastor, Rev. Turner, Rev. Wilcox, Rev. E. Jones respectively, all deceased are some of the past pastors.

The Pastoral Installation services will begin Tuesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Rayford Jones and congregation of the Holy Christian Baptist Church will be conducting the services.

Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Byron E. Lenson and the Divinity

Missionary Baptist Church will be conducting services.

On Thursday, March 3, services will be conducted by Evangelist Anisa Betha and congregation of the House of Sharon Baptist Church will be.

Friday, March 4, Pastor Jeremiah Ford and congregation of the Mount Hermon Baptist Church will be conducting the services.

Saturday, March 5, at 6 p.m. the Pastoral Installation Banquet will be held at Holiday Inn Jorjett in Newark. Rev. Curtis Whitney of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York will be conducting the services.

Blacks more prone to Kidney Disease and Diabetes

Kidney Disease & Diabetes: What to look for, What to do.

Kidney failure strikes African Americans four times more often than Whites. They're twice as likely to get high blood pressure, the number one cause of kidney failure. And they're nearly four times more prone to diabetic kidney disease. For years, health groups have urged blacks to get tested for these high risk diseases, yet the numbers haven't changed much. But there is some hopeful news: now there are inexpensive home health tests available in local pharmacies that detect kidney disease or diabetes and can give black people an advantage in their fight against these potential killers.

Knowing some signs and prevention measures may help avoid a problem or catch it early please heed the following tips:

Kidney disorders: Our kidneys filter toxins from our blood and release them in the urine. When kidneys can't filter properly, wastes build up causing sickness and even death.

Common signs of problems: burning during urination, increased frequency of urination, puffiness

around the eyes, swelling hands or feet. Pain in lower back or below ribs, high blood pressure, weakness, vomiting, nausea, blood or protein in the urine.

Prevention tips: reduce high blood pressure by losing weight, if overweight. Stop smoking, cut back on salt use, get regular exercise, reduce stress, avoid medications that may damage kidneys (ask your pharmacist or doctor). Eat less protein in meals, get early treatment for urinary tract infections, that can travel up to kidneys, regular testing for

kidney disorders can be done with a simple, inexpensive home test which detects blood and protein in the urine and can alert you to problems before symptoms appear. If the test is positive, see your doctor immediately for early treatment.

Diabetes: In Type I (insulin dependent) diabetes, the pancreas can't produce insulin. In Type II diabetes, insulin is produced, but the body can't use it properly. Untreated diabetes can have devastating complications like blindness, kidney failure, heart disease and even death.

Common signs of problem: frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme tiredness, unexplained weight loss, blurry vision, a parent, brother or sister who has diabetes.

Prevention tips: lose weight if overweight, follow a healthy diet, get regular exercise, regular testing for diabetes can be done with a simple, inexpensive home test which detects higher than normal amounts of blood sugar in the urine and can alert you to problems before symptoms appear. If the test is positive, see your doctor immediately for early treatment.

Dr. Samuel Proctor to speak at First Baptist church 50th anniversary

CLARK—Renowned theologian, Dr. Samuel Proctor will deliver the keynote address at the "50th anniversary celebration of the First Baptist Church of Cranford, Credit Union—New Jersey's oldest church credit union—on to be held, Friday March 4th, at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Clark, New Jersey.

Recently named in Ebony Magazine as one of America's 15 greatest Black preachers, Dr. Proctor is now Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry, Duke University. He is also, professor Emeritus of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, and Pastor Emeritus of historic Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City, where he followed legendary preacher and congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., as pastor.

The 50th anniversary celebration is entitled "Economic Development: An Essential mission of the collective Black church." According to the Board of Directors of the credit union said, "we are excited about having Dr. Proctor address our theme because church sponsored self-help economic development programs were a vital part of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s plan for attaining economic empowerment for our people through the

collective effort of the 65,000 black churches across the land and their twenty million members.

"There are only 801 church credit unions in the nation and just 21 in New Jersey. It's obvious that we are not taking advantage of the self-help economic development opportunities available to us and, therefore, must now look to the church to provide direction and leadership."

First Baptist Church pioneered in self-help economic development programs 60 years ago when visionary minister, Rev. Dr. Benjamin Allen organized food and coal clubs to enable the members to feed their families and heat their homes at minimum cost during the hard economic times of the Great Depression years.

The anniversary celebration will be dedicated to the memory of Dr. Allen, who started the credit union in 1944, initially for the purpose of providing a means for the young men of the church to save toward the purchase of their homes. The credit union has been operating successfully ever since.

Along the way, Dr. Allen assisted other churches in starting credit unions, including St. James AME Church in Newark, which now has the largest church credit union in New Jersey.

Attending the affair will be New Jersey Congressman, Donald Payne, representatives of our three most important credit union organizations, the New Jersey Credit Union League, which assists in organizing credit unions; The Congress of Religious Credit Unions, Fairfax, Virginia; and the National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions, New York City, sponsors of the National Church Credit Union Project. For information and reservations please call, 201-673-1746; 908-753-4808 or 908-757-6320.

Share your home with someone in need

ELIZABETH—For those interested in sharing their home and those seeking housing, Community Access Unlimited offers the Home Share Program of Union County as an alternative housing option.

What is Home Share? The program will allow a homeowner to remain in his or her home by providing a housing alternative for a potentially homeless individual, while reducing financial burden for both the homeowner and home seeker. Services provided include Matching homeowners and seekers, monthly

Health Calendar

EVERY TUESDAY

IRVINGTON—The Irvington Health Center holds free lead testing, and offers WIC program vouchers to qualifying families. From 9:15-10:15 a.m. Walk-ins are welcomed.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

PLAINFIELD—The regular monthly meeting of the Family Support Group of Union County will be held at 10:30 a.m. at The Arc Administration Building, 1225 South Avenue, Plainfield.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

WESTFIELD—A support group for people caring for elderly or chronically ill relatives meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 8 p.m. St. Helen's Church, Lamberts Mill Rd.

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March is National Nutrition Month

networking groups, monthly support groups, information and referral services, case management and three month follow up support services.

A meeting will be held on February 22, at 80 West Grand St. in Elizabeth from 6:30 to 7:30 and February 17 and 24, at 132 East Front St. in Plainfield from 6:30 to 7:30. Thereafter all meetings will be held monthly on the last Tuesday in Elizabeth and Thursday in Plainfield. For more information contact Sophia Smith at 908-354-3040.

United Hospitals celebrates National Nutrition Month

NEWARK—March is recognized as National Nutrition Month, and United Hospitals invites you to celebrate it with them. To learn more about nutrition and for a free demonstration on healthy cooking, join the food and nutrition team of United Hospitals in its first "Nutrition and you" program.

The program will offer free snacks, free recipes, free cooking lessons on

healthy food from the Marriott's Executive Chef, David Merkel, free information on healthy foods from Marriott's Clinical Dietitians and free taste panels for food cooked at demonstration.

The events will be held on Thursday, March 3 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the United Hospitals' Auditorium. For further information call 268-8514.

A Salute to Black History Month.

During Black History Month, East Orange General Hospital Salutes Black Americans who have made extraordinary contributions in a wide variety of endeavors.

In particular, East Orange General Hospital acknowledges two outstanding pioneers in medicine, Dr. Charles R. Drew and Dr. Daniel Hale Williams. Dr. Drew was a surgeon who developed a method of preserving blood plasma for extended periods of time. Dr. Williams performed the first successful operation on the human heart. These medical leaders are just two of the Black Americans who have enriched our knowledge and skills in the field of healthcare.

To help ensure that others will be able to follow in their footsteps, East Orange General Hospital is investing in the future with educational financial assistance in a variety of medical fields. For more information regarding these educational opportunities, contact Employment Recruiter at 201-266-8513.

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National News

at a glance

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choice among teens is nicotine (cigarette smoking) and the favorite illegal drug is marijuana. —ANN ARBOR, MI

SNOOP DOGGY DOGG HEARING ON MURDER CHARGE SET FOR MARCH 11 Rap music superstar Snoop Doggy Dogg (real name Calvin Broadus) faces a March 11 pre-trial hearing in the shooting death of a man in a Los Angeles park last summer. Broadus and two others were indicted and have pleaded not guilty in the shooting. The 22-year-old "gangsta rapper" is currently free on one million dollars bail. Meanwhile, his controversial album "Doggystyle" remains at the top of the charts having sold over three million copies since its release late last year. Broadus' bodyguard is charged with the actual shooting while Broadus faces murder charges for driving the car in the drive-by shooting. —LOS ANGELES, CA

GWENDOLYN BROOKS RECEIVES TOP HUMANITIES HONOR: Pulitzer Prize winning African American poet Gwendolyn Brooks has received the federal government's highest honor for achievement in the humanities. The National Endowment for the Arts named the 76-year-old its 1994 Jefferson Lecturer. In addition to a \$10,000 honorarium, Brooks will deliver a lecture in Washington, D.C. on May 4 and in Chicago on May 11. Asked what she will lecture about she said, "It's about black people. This is what I know best." —CHICAGO, ILL

NAACP REFUSES TO JOIN CAMPAIGN AGAINST "GANG-STA RAP" NAACP head Benjamin Chavis has declined to join a campaign by Civil Rights and women's group condemning so-called gangsta rap music. Critics—led by the National Black Women's Political Caucus—charge that gangsta rap promotes violence and misogyny—hate of women. But, Chavis recently compared the campaign against rap to the campaigns against jazz during its early days. "Rap music," said Chavis, "needs to be embraced not condemned." But he pledged to communicate

with young rap artists and encourage them to produce more positive messages. That position has angered some women's groups who were already upset with the NAACP for giving an achievement award to controversial rapper Tupac Shakur. —BALTIMORE, MD

'HOW TO BE EFFECTIVE' GUIDE PRODUCED FOR BLACKS: "Black & Effective" is the title of a new guidebook designed to show blacks how to achieve more in the competitive American society. The key to success, says guide author James Nathan, "is to know what to do, master proven how-to techniques and stay highly motivated."

Nathan heads the non-profit Better Life Club of America, which produces the guide. It is free to the general public by sending \$3.00 to order postage to the Better Life Club, P.O. Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038. —WASHINGTON, D.C.

MICHAEL JACKSON SAID READY TO SUE SISTER LA TOYA: Angered by statements suggesting that he is a child molester, pop music superstar Michael Jackson is reportedly preparing a multi-million dollar lawsuit against his older sister LaToya and her husband Jack Gordon. According to London's Sunday Mirror, the \$400 million lawsuit may be filed next month. LaToya Jackson has given several interviews indicating her belief that 35-year-old Michael has a history of molesting young boys. She told one television tabloid show that Michael told her he preferred "little white boys" and did not want to waste his time with women. Jackson recently reached an out-of-court financial settlement with a 14-year-old boy he was alleged to have molested—Los Angeles, CA.

MARY WILSON HURT, SON DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT: Former Supreme singer Mary Wilson was hurt and her 14-year-old son killed when the jeep she was driving hit a freeway median and overturned recently. Wilson's injuries were labeled non-serious, but her son Rafael Ferrer was pronounced dead about two hours after the accident. —BARSTOW, CA

Super-thinking and solving problems

by Robert N. Taylor

American institutions, including schools, businesses and government institutions, do not place enough emphasis on proper thinking skills. There is an over-abundance of people telling you what to think, but relatively few addressing the essential issues of how to think. How do we arrive at solutions to problems in the quickest and most efficient manner? Or better yet, how do we conduct our lives in order to prevent most problems from arising in the first place?

This is indeed a complicated area of discussion. But there are certain basic rules which, if followed, will enable any reasonably intelligent person to quickly solve problems and achieve both more success and happiness in life.

1 - All of life is dialectical. This word is not frequently used in America, but essentially it means that everything which exists is the result of at least two factors which are in some way opposites. Nothing is caused by just one thing. In this regard, every problem has both a mother and a father—two primary factors which

brought it into existence. The ancient Chinese referred to this as the ying and the yang of life. Regardless of the names, always remember that when ever attempting to solve a problem you must first identify "the two primary factors" responsible for the existence of the problem.

2 - Addition and subtraction are the primary methods of change. Whenever confronted with a problem you are essentially faced with a question of how to change a phenomenon or situation from what it is to what you want it to be. In other words, you are trying to figure out how best to

bring about change. The methodological answer is simple: Change is brought about by either addition or subtraction. Thus, when faced with a problem you must either add something to it or subtract something from it to bring about change. In terms of general method, this is always the question you must ask when trying to solve a problem: What is it that must be either added or subtracted from this situation in order to change it? For example, in the case of losing weight, the solution is a combination of reducing (subtracting) food consumption on one hand and increasing (adding) exercise on the other hand. This is a good example because in virtually all instances, problem-solving involves both adding and subtracting.

3 - Employ the law of contradiction by attacking with the opposite. Once you know that you must either add or subtract to change a situation or solve a problem, the next question becomes what do you add and/or subtract? The answer is attack with the opposite. We all know this to be true in a situation of not having enough money to make ends meet. We intuitively understand that if the central problem is lack of money, then we need to add money in order to better the situation. But the rule of attacking-with-the-opposite applies in virtually all situations. However, most people fail to realize this. For example, one reason there is so much violence in the world is that most people think it best to respond to the problem of social violence with government violence disguised as "get tough" laws. Now, there is a role for responding in kind, but responding in kind can never be the primary thing you do when trying to solve a problem.

Reebok returns to South Africa

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people who are on the ground here (South Africa). We were the ones who, in part, called for the sanctions. We are now saying return. We are calling for reinvestment in our country and we don't want to many wise people telling us what is good for us. We've got so much going for us and the point is that once our economy gets going, it will be for the benefit of South Africa and ... maybe for the whole continent. And once we have the vigorous economy in South Africa and southern Africa, that has all kinds of important repercussions for the economy of the world."

Reebok's return to South Africa is expected to create new standards for business operations on three major fronts: ownership, training and community support. Specifically plans call for the establishment of a subsidiary based in Johannesburg, 45 percent of which will be locally

owned by four black South Africans and one individual of color. The company, Reebok South Africa, plans to open franchise stores which, with the institution of buy-back options, will eventually be black-owned. The new company has plans to open a concept store in April, 1994 located in Johannesburg. Reebok South Africa anticipates manufacturing apparel in South Africa within 18 months.

Training will be provided for local owners and staff in merchandising, inventory control, cash flow and other areas. An effective, multi-racial management team will be employed and corporate directives which encourage the purchasing of materials from minority owned businesses as well as strict adherence to the Reebok's code of conduct—the Human Rights Production Standards—will also be implemented.

Reebok has pledged that its

South African company will contribute 6 percent of its pre-tax earnings to a local charity devoted to community activities. Reebok International has guaranteed that this contribution will be at least \$240,000 over the next three years of the company's operation. Reebok South Africa also expects to invest at least 2 percent of its pretax earnings for additional grass roots, sports and recreational projects.

Reebok's commitment to South Africa's economic and social stability is also evident in sports through a four year sponsorship of the National Olympic Committee of South Africa. The agreement will include the manufacturing of apparel for South African athletes at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, USA.

The Reebok Foundation has supported the democratic process through a contribution of \$125,000 to SAFF (South Africa Free Elections).

Guinier to speak at Rutgers Camden

CAMDEN—As part of Black History Month observances attorney Lani Guinier will be the keynote speaker in a free lecture sponsored by Rutgers University at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, February 28, at Camden campus.

Her lecture, entitled "And the New Civil Rights," will detail Guinier's provocative suggestions for the promotion of civil rights and "inclusive" democracy.

In 1993, Guinier was nominated

by President Clinton to head the civil rights division of the U.S. Justice Department. Her nomination was withdrawn after intense political debate arose concerning her suggestions for ending racial discrimination.

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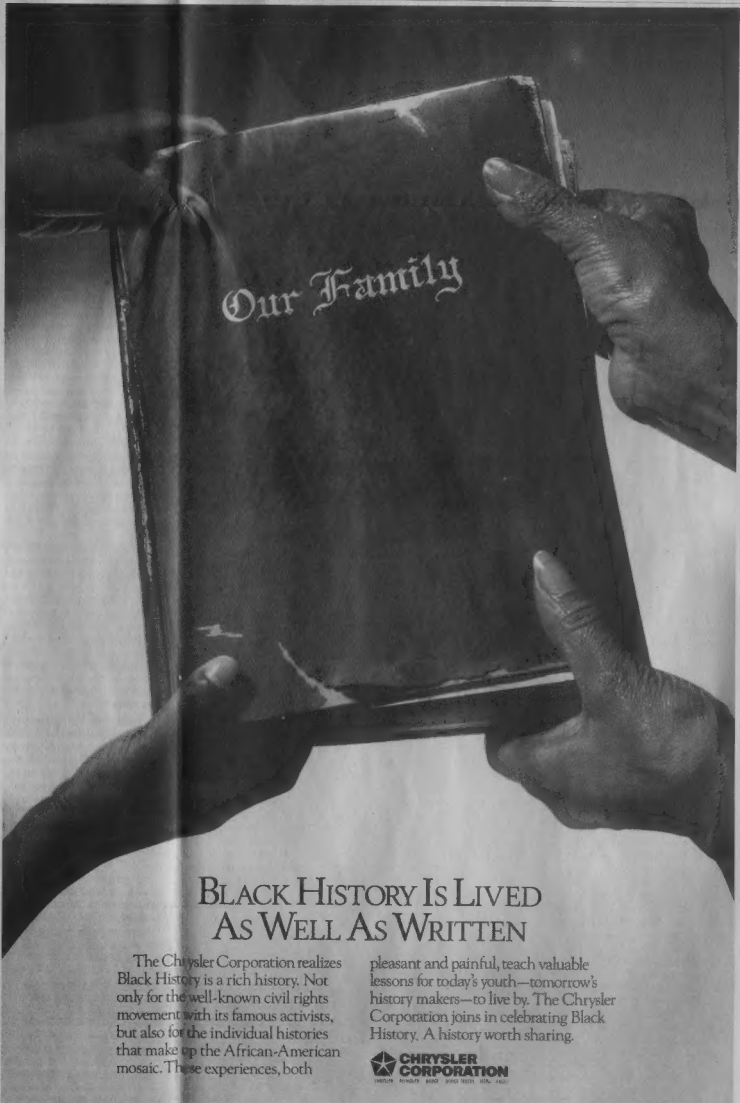
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27
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Hammer is back, tougher than ever

NEW YORK—Hammer, the most popular rap artist of all time, has returned to the music scene and he has a few words for his fans. "People have seen Hammer the dancer, now I want them to know Hammer the man." With the release of his *Giant Records* debut album, *The Funky Headhunter*, Hammer fans can get to know the performer as never before. It's time for the real deal.

The Funky Headhunter's debut single, "It's All Good," not only shows Hammer's poetic rapping skills, but typifies the musical muscle driving the album. The uplifting *Clap Yo' Hands* sums up Hammer's amazing life story, while in others, like *Pumps & A Bump*, a sense of fun shines through. In *Break'em Something Proper*, *Sleeping On The Master Plan*, and the title track, Hammer gets serious.

In his career, Hammer has sold over 25 million albums, earned three Grammys (including Best Rap Solo and Best R&B Song for the #1 "U Can't Touch This"), six American Music Awards and three Soul Train

Awards. His concerts and videos are among the most celebrated in music. He not only changed the face of rap, he changed the nature of popular entertainment. Without a doubt, Hammer is a unique phenomenon.

Though he pursued a pop ball career, Hammer eventually turned to music. Borrowing money from friends, he formed Bustin' Records (later Bust It!) and developed a concert persona that featured acrobatic choreography and an irresistibly upbeat attitude. His first single, "Ring 'Em," picked up strong local airplay, and led to the sale of 50,000 copies of his debut album, *Feel My Power*, most of which Hammer sold from the trunk of his car.

In 1988, Hammer signed with Capitol Records. His double-platinum label debut, *Let's Get It Started*, lived up to its name, spawning five Top 5 hits, including *Pump It Up (Here's The New Way)* and *Turn This Mutha Out*. Within a year he

was headlining.

It was 1990's *Please Hammer Don't Hurt*. "Even that rocked his career into the stratosphere. *U Can't Touch This* became the signature single of the year, and both single and album perched atop the charts for months, while Hammer circled the globe. His last album, *Too Legit To Quit*, was also a multi-platinum smash.

Hammer is just coming off his first real break in seven years. "I I hadn't come from where I did, no way I could have survived all that's happened," he says. "It gave me the foundation for what was to come." Although *The Funky Headhunter* is different, Hammer notes, "I always put energy, choreography, and excitement into my music. I'm still the same positive guy." As for the new album, I'm ecstatic about it. It's by far the best Hammer record."

After a pause, he adds, "I always successful. I don't have to bend or compromise at all. Let's face it. This is the best part of the ride."

In the spotlight

NEW YORK—The series of prime-time pop music specials produced by thirteen/WNET in New York, presents *Rhythm Country and Blues*, premiering Wednesday, March 2 at 9 p.m. (ET). gn-PBS check local listings.

The one hour performance documentary makes the talents of such notable country and R&B artists as Al Green and Lyle Lovette, Little Richard and Tanya Tucker, Patti LaBelle and Travis Tritt, Vince Gill and Gladys Knight, Aron Neville and Trisha Yearwood.

Through candid interviews with the artists and archival footage, the program explores the similar origins had mutual influences of the musical genres rooted in diverse cultural traditions and a history of racial segregation and civil rights struggle.



Sugar Hill



Roemello (Wesley Snipes) and Raynathan Skuggs (Michael Wright) engaged in a deep conversation, in a scene from *Sugar Hill*.

"Harlem was an outpost of American optimism, a gathering place for the avant-garde in music, dance, and democratic interracial relationships, and the very symbol of America's freewheeling sense of possibility... it was *Our Paris*." (Ralph Ellison)

Today, that Harlem is gone.

Sugar Hill is a powerful saga about redemption, love and the price two brothers are forced to pay to fulfill their destinies, in a high-stakes game for control of the streets they rule. In many ways, this movie is the real and brutal history of the first "hood." The title *Sugar Hill* is taken from the legendary neighborhood that represented the aspirations and hopes of all Harlem.

The film stars Wesley Snipes, Michael Wright, Theresa Randle, Clarence Williams III, with Abe Vigoda and Ernie Hudson. Forty actresses auditioned for the leading female role, but Johnson says Randle opposite Snipes was an obvious choice. "I knew from the moment I saw Theresa, she had a beauty and a melancholy look in her eyes."

Sugar Hill is a reality-based story which illustrates both sides of street

life. It shows that the strong-willed to survive and that the streets take a toll on young victims. Actor Michael Wright's character is a case in point. As Raynathan, he portrays the brash and unpredictable older brother who cannot assume control of the family's business. Unwilling to go straight, he is trapped in a life of organized crime.

"He doesn't see any alternatives," says Wright. "All he knows are the streets. Ray's not gonna be a soda jerk, taxi driver, shoe salesman or something like that. So what's he going to do? It's a tragedy, says Wright."

Wesley Snipes stars as Roemello Skuggs, the younger, yet wiser and cooler-headed brother to Raynathan. Together they have battled their way in and out of the open crime empire. Which has brought them money, power and infamy.

Snipes says this story typifies what so many young African-American men experience in major cities throughout the country. Like Wright's character in the film, they become casualties in the war to survive on the streets. "It's about the quicksand effect of the drug business—and of ghetto life period," says Snipes. "It's about trying to climb out of a hole to rise up to a certain level, and getting sucked back down."

Theresa Randall welcomed the chance to portray Melissa. "Melissa comes from an urban environment and like a lot of women, she goes through many trials to find out who she is. She's a woman who, in the midst of some tough circumstances, tries to live for a better life. She says the film also points out some real-life lessons. There are no shortcuts to life or love, and she finally realizes this."

According to Snipes, "everybody wants to be loved and many of the things done in the film are motivated by the search for love. Roemello feels Melissa can bring something to his life; she's an unpolished stone, and he sees the beauty underneath the surface."

He describes the film as "a Cain and Able story played by Michael Wright and himself. It's a human drama piece that delves into the psyches of the men. Officer and on, Snipes believes he and Wright embody the temperament of their characters. "I'm reserved; Michael's animated. I'm tactical and experimental; he's emotional and expressive."



Hardcore Hammer (94)

Robert Guillaume stars in *Cyrano-The Musical*

NEW YORK—Robert Guillaume, the Emmy Award-winning and Tony nominated actor, will assume the title role in the Broadway production of *Cyrano-The Musical* beginning Tuesday evening, March 8, at the Neil Simon Theatre. Mr. Guillaume.

Robert Guillaume is a classically-trained performer who began his career in opera and musical theatre. His extensive theatrical career both on and off Broadway includes the title role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* (Los Angeles), and lead roles

in *Purlie*, *Golden Boy* and *Guns and Dolls*, for which he received a Tony Award nomination for his performance as Nathan Detroit. Other stage appearances include *Kwanina*, *Bamboula*, *Tambourine to Glory*, *Othello*, *Porter*, *Apple Pie* and *Jacques Brel*.

The performance schedule is Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., with matinees Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$35-\$65. For tickets, please call Ticketmaster at 212-307-4200.

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Test your knowledge of black history with the Black Americans of Achievement board game

MIAMI, FL—Black Americans of Achievement, Inc. (BAOA) has signed an agreement with Burger King Corporation to participate in the national promotion of its BAOA Board Game through the Burger King chain of restaurants.

BAOA, Inc. is a retail marketing company established to develop, market and sell multi-cultural marketing products. Initially those which promote awareness of black American accomplishments throughout the history of the United States. The board game uses the images and names of black Americans in a question and answer format and players bet on the success of other players. The game is highly educational and entertaining.

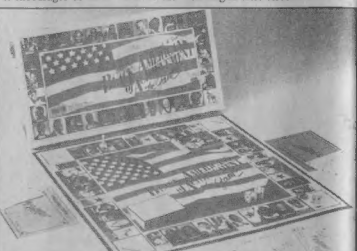
Louis Corbo, President of BAOA Inc., said, "Test marketing has shown that it promotes a much higher level of awareness of the many achievements of black Americans in our history. The game will be used from grade six through university as a tool in education. But our marketing has shown it will be popular as a family

game in the home as well."

Paul Clayton, Vice President, Marketing for Burger King Corporation, said, "We are pleased to provide a product with such added educational value. Not only does the game showcase outstanding African Americans and their accomplishments, but it encourages us all to embrace the

contributions of various ethnic groups, enlightening people of all races."

Burger King customers can obtain "dollars-off-certificates" from their restaurants to purchase the games at various leading retail chains. The games will retail for \$19.95, not including in-store discounts.



Crossroads receive African-American theater grant



NEW BRUNSWICK—In celebration of Black History Month, The Coca-Cola Foundation announced grants to support African-American theater and cultural diversity programs. The announcement was made at the Crossroads Theater Company, by the Foundation's director Michael Bivens (left) and noted actress and Crossroads supporter Ruby Dee (second right). Looking on are (second left) Denise McEachern and Tron Morgan (second right), students of Crossroads African American College Initiative Program (AACIP) which provides workshops, internships, faculty-student exchanges and arts advocacy activities at six historically black colleges and universities and one institution with a black theater company.

Sydné Mahone makes literary debut at Crossroads

NEW BRUNSWICK—Sydné Mahone, director of play development at Crossroads Theatre Company will make her literary debut this month with the publication of a groundbreaking anthology of contemporary plays by the most significant and innovative African-American women for theater today.

Moon Marked and Touched by Sun, published by Theater Communications Group, and edited by Ms. Mahone, will be introduced to the public at a reading and book signing at Crossroads on Friday, February 25, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Anthology celebrates the distinct and spirited voices of African American women who are redefining and revitalizing modern theater. Characterized by what Ms. Mahone calls "Stylistic boldness," they use the medium of theater to investigate and comment on political and social issues that affect African-American women.

Stylistically and thematically diverse, the works investigate political and social issues such as the Crown Heights riots, the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill hearings, the life of women in prison and the legacy of lynchings, as well as intensely personal experiences.

Rock Rap and Roll

MONTCLAIR—Storyteller, singer and composer Charlotte Blake Alston and her accompanist, Bill Jolly of the Grover Washington Band, will give a live performance of original stories and songs in *Rock Rap and Roll*, on Saturday, March 5 at Montclair Kimberley Academy. Performances are at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. On Sunday, March 20, the performance will be repeated at the Burgdorf Center, in Maplewood. Tickets for all shows are \$6, for general audience and \$5.50 for Arts Council and Burgdorf Center members. Discount is available for groups of 10 or more. For further information call 201-744-1717.



Charlotte Blake Alston

The Scoop

by Janice Malone

Down But Not Out: Even though former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson is behind bars in an Indiana prison cell, apparently the entertainment world's rich and famous haven't forgotten him. The Scoop has learned that Mike received a steady flow of celebrity visitors on a regular basis. Some of the people who recently visited him are Al B. Sure, James Brown and Vanessa Williams. Many of the prison employees are reportedly still talking about the diamond-studded high-heeled boots the Godfather of Soul was wearing during his visit. An Indianapolis cab driver reports, "I drove Vanessa Williams out to the prison to see Mike... She sure was looking good. I bet her visit really cheered up Mike!" Janet Jackson was scheduled to visit him the same day that Al B. Sure was there, but a scheduling problem occurred. Sources say that she supposedly had flowers delivered to the champ in her absence. Another source, who visited Mike a few days ago, says, "Mike looks to be in excellent physical condition. His arm muscles are ripped like crazy. He even has three tattoos on his arm! He looks to be in better shape than he was before he went in. After seeing him, I would hate to be his next opponent..." Johnnie Gill, Ray Parker, Jr., and Levert are just a few of the many stars who've paid him a visit. Get this. Dionne Warwick also visited Mike several months ago and our sources tell us that Warwick reportedly told the champ that he needs to get married again. Was that a message from her Psychic Friends Network?

A Sure Thing: To further speak of Al B. Sure, belated congratulations should go to him and his new wife, Jackie. The couple married late last year. When "The Scoop" ran into Al and his wife recently, they looked very happy especially Al. He told "The Scoop," "I call all your readers to look for my new album sometime in June, on my new label, Absolute Records." The new Mrs. Sure is a beautiful petite young lady who works in the fashion industry. You should take a look at the size of the diamond in her wedding ring. The rock is at least 3-4 carats! It's for sure!

Still Acting Up: Remember Antonio Fargas? He's probably best known for his role as "Huggy Bear" in the TV hit series "Starsky and Hutch." Or, some remember him as the outrageous pimp with platform goldfish shoes in the comedy movie, "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka." Fargas is quite an accomplished actor far beyond those two roles. He recently starred as "The Great Liberator" in the historical drama play Toussaint: Angel Warrior of Haiti, by Jamaican playwright Audley Hafenden. The performance took place in Dallas, Texas, during Black History Month. Fargas simply "wowed" the audience.

A Peabo Show: Look for superstar crooner Peabo Bryson to head-

line a major benefit event for AIDS awareness later this year. The Scoop will be there to keep you informed.

Designer Olympics? Quadruple security and police are all over Lillehammer, Norway, for the Winter Olympics. But there certainly won't be any "fashion police!" The spectators are even fashionably correct. The audience, crews and volunteers received 47,500 white overcoats to wear, so that they could blend in with the snow white Olympic landscape.

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JERSEY CITY—Exhibit of pictures and documents provided by the Jersey City African American Historical Society Museum. Also on display by a group of local African American Artists of "The Rose Crofters Gallery of Jersey City." See original banana leaf art by Zambian school children. For more information call (201) 547-5611.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

EDISON—"Kente Cloth Exhibit," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; lecture, 2 to 3 p.m.; College Center, Middlesex County College.

PLAINFIELD—Jazz vocalist Jeanie Bryson will perform in concert at the Plainfield Public Library at 7 p.m. The library is located on 8th St. at Park Ave. For more info, call 908-757-1111 Thursday, February 24.

EDISON—Middlesex County College, Jazz concert, Keith Marks, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the College Center.

NEWARK—The UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professional will honor university and civic leaders in an awards program to be held from noon to 12 p.m. in the Maritime Building. Open to the public.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25-27

NEWARK—Vocalist Bobby Short and NJ Symphony Orchestra in a "Symphonic Cabaret" Show to be held at the State Theatre, New Brunswick 8 p.m. Feb. 25, War Memorial, Trenton, 9 p.m. Feb. 26, Newark Symphony Hall, 3 p.m. Feb. 27. For ticket info call NJSO ticket office at 800-AL-LEGRO or 201-624-6203.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25

LINCROFT—"Youth Day: Building Self Esteem Through the Arts," with the Freedom Theatre of Philadelphia, presenting "Travelling Black History Show," from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. At 7 p.m. "Step Show," and party with guest

D.J. to be announced. Routines performed by fraternities, \$6 in advance \$8 at the door. Brookdale Community College African Awareness Society.

NEWARK—D.J. Johnny "Duke" Allen from 98.7 Kiss F.M. will provide Disco and House music in the UMDNJ-Community Mental Health Center Gymnasium from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PISCATAWAY—Semi-formal dinner-dance, at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Hoes Lane 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall, free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

TRENTON—African American Heritage Celebration. Formal program highlighted by musical and theatrical presentations. Sponsored by the NJ Department of Labor. For more info, call 609-292-7852

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City Public Library invites the public to celebrate African American History Month by attending a free jazz concert featuring The Charlie Mosier Group and an open poetry reading hosted by Newark poet, Yvette, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Mildred H. Hunkle Auditorium at the Five Corners Branch Library, 678 Newark Ave.

LAWRENCEVILLE—Interpretation of Black Literature lecture in the Student Center, Room 237 at 7 p.m. Open to the public.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Kelvin O.

Evans will present a financial planning workshop based on his book, "If You're Black You're Not Worth Much: Basic Principles to Increase Anyone's Net Worth." The program starts at 5 p.m. and will cover savings, insurance, stocks, etc. Contact Monique Fleming Berg at 609-275-1078.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

NEWARK—The movie "Malcolm X," starring Denzel Washington, will be shown at 1 p.m. at the UMDNJ-Community Mental Health Center, Extended Care Room C1. Open to the public.

Remember, it takes more than a month to learn about black history. Keep learning.

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Business Calendar

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY

NEWARK—Business network, buffet, and dance party. Every 1st Friday of the month at Edison (in Newark Airport) (rs. 1 & 9 North) 5:30-1 p.m. \$10 fee, \$7 before 8 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

NEW YORK CITY—Magazine Accounting for Non-Financial Managers. Seminar to broaden your understanding of magazine finance. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at MPA Headquarters, 919 Third Avenue, 22nd Fl. (between 58th and 59th sts.) To register call 212-972-3767.

TUESDAYS THRU FEBRUARY 28

PARAMUS—New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) presents its winter seminar EXCEL entrepreneurial training program. Are You an Entrepreneur? and Start Right! Build Right! From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, for further information call 908-707-0173.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

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MARCH 5 - MAY 14

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer a six session Law Admissions Test (LSAT) Review. This course is designed to help law school candidates prepare for the LSAT. Classes meet on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Tuition is \$135.00. To register call 201-200-3069.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

SOUTH ORANGE—Career Night - Workforce 2000. Seton Hall University's annual career Night program is to inform students of the new challenges and opportunities they can expect to encounter in the workplace. Call 201-761-9355 for more information.

TUESDAYS THRU MARCH 22

MONTCLAIR—New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) presents its winter seminar EXCEL entrepreneurial training program. Are You an Entrepreneur? and Start Right! Build Right! At the Montclair YWCA, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., for further information call 908-707-0173.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

NEW YORK—Doing Business With Multinationals Presented by Reginald Williams, President and CEO Procurement Resources, Inc. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Registration \$30.00. To be held at Citicorp Corp., 1065 Avenue of the Americas, 32nd Fl. (42nd St. & 6th Ave.) New York, NY. Registration deadline: March 18th, 1994. For more info call 404-631-3633.

AT&T to phase out jobs in long distance units

BASKING RIDGE—AT&T officially announced today that it is phasing out 14,000 to 15,000 jobs in its communications units over the next two years to streamline operations and reduce its costs in the highly competitive long distance business. About 5,000 of those jobs to be phased out will be in New Jersey.

When completed, the phase out is expected to save the company at least \$90 million a year as new technology is deployed and management layers are reduced. Service to customers will not be affected by the reductions, AT&T said. More than half of the job cuts will be in management. Affected employees will be offered a variety of payments if they leave the company, including up to 104 weeks' wages for nonmanagement workers and up to 42 weeks' salary for managers.

The reductions will come in the company's Communications Services Group, which has 96,500 people and provides global long distance services to businesses and consumers.

Consumer Communications Services. As part of this action, the unit will consolidate certain sales and service operations that will result in the closing of centers in Providence, R.I., Charlotte, N.C., Bloomington, Minn., Cheyenne, Wyo., Itasca, Ill., Pleasanton, Calif., and Silver Spring, Md.

The Business Communications Services unit will phase out about 6,000 jobs.

Overall, about 8,000 management jobs will be affected, including headquarters staff and administrative support functions, while the rest will be non management positions in operations and clerical areas.

The company said it will begin notifying work groups affected by the reductions by the end of the month, and will begin notifying individual employees by the end of March.

As with previous job reductions, AT&T will provide a variety of assis-

Tax credits proposed for employers who help reduce rush hour traffic

TRENTON—Employers who help reduce rush hour traffic by giving their employees passes to ride public transit, subsidize car-pools or vanpools, computers and fax machines to work from home or other incentives to avoid driving alone to work could claim new state tax credits, under regulations proposed today by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Published in a recent edition of the New Jersey Register, the proposal specifies which types of alternative commuting an employer could subsidize in order to qualify for the tax credits. The credits were authorized by a statute enacted last year, and apply to the state's 6,000 largest employers who are required under the federal Clean Air Act to institute an Employer Trip Reduction (ETR) program.

Employers with 100 or more workers' job site are required under the federal mandate to increase the average occupancy of commuter vehicles by 25 percent by November 1995 in order to reduce tailpipe emissions that contribute to the state's severe air quality problems.

According to acting Transportation Commissioner Kathy A. Stanwick, "these tax credits are one of the incentives the state is offering employers to help New Jersey reduce rush hour traffic and meet the mandates of the federal Clean Air Act. This proposal underscores our commitment to the business community by making a wide array of commuting alternatives eligible for the tax credits."

Employers can claim a five percent tax credit, up to \$36 per employee, in 1994 and a 10 percent credit, up to \$72 per employee, starting next year for subsidies they provide employees for alternative commuting.

The NJDOT has proposed five categories of eligible costs which employers could claim for the tax credit:

- Facilities and vehicle costs,

- such as lease, purchase and operating costs for company vanpools or shuttles, contracts with outside operators of buspools, bike racks, transit signs, and shelters and parking management. Lease, purchase and maintenance costs for computers, fax machines and telephones provided to employees to enable them to work from home would be eligible. Buying or converting vehicles to run on alternative fuels would be another eligible cost.

- Financial incentives, such as providing free or discounted transit passes, gas or parking subsidies for carpools, vanpool start-up costs and empty seat subsidies. Cash or in-kind gifts given as incentives to employees to take part in the ETR program would qualify.

- Marketing costs for creating and printing brochures, posters and other communications materials to inform and encourage employees to take part in the ETR program.

- Administrative costs to cover salaries, benefits and training for staff or contracted agencies who manage an employer's ETR program.

- Other services, such as providing a guaranteed ride home for car-

pools or van-pools who must work late or leave early to deal with emergencies, or the cost of providing ride matching services.

The credit would apply to the employer's Corporation Business Tax, Financial Business Tax or other applicable business tax. Employees, meanwhile, will be entitled to claim ETR subsidies as tax-free benefits on their personal income tax.

A nationwide survey of alternative commuting programs found that employers offer subsidies ranging from \$100 to \$600 per employee with the average about \$200. In Southern California, which has an ETR program, about 63 percent of the affected employers offer incentives that average \$300. The tax credits are expected to cost the state about \$7 million a year in revenue. However, failure to comply with the Clean Air Act could cost the state at least a quarter-billion dollars a year in federal highway aid.

The federal ETR mandate applies in 18 counties which experience severe air quality problems. Atlantic, Cape May and Warren counties, which have less severe problems, are exempt.

Regional Alliance kicks-off Spring '94 managing growth classes

NEWARK—The Regional Alliance for Minority Contractors is joining forces with PSE&G to honor past participants and instructors of Managing Growth Classes to kick off registration for the spring semester. Managing Growth is a series of business and construction management courses designed for experienced small, minority and women-owned contractors. Developed and taught by the country's leading construction managers, the classes help small firms compete successfully for contract and manage their businesses effectively. For further information please call 212-435-6506.

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tance, ranging from job counseling to retraining, in an effort to find jobs for people either within AT&T or at other companies. Two resource centers, one in Murray Hill and another to be established in the next several weeks, will provide these services to

all affected New Jersey employees.

In some areas of the country, AT&T will also run ads to help place employees, using job hotlines and a computerized system to match skills with opportunities.

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This Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sponsored workshop is designed for individuals new to radon measurement and will be divided into two (2) days of classroom theory and two (2) days of hands on experience. The U.S. EPA's Radon Measurement Proficiency Examination will be held on the evening of March 18, 1994. All who pass the exam will be kept on special EPA list of "radon measurement operators" which will be distributed to all states.

INTENSIVE 5-DAY PROGRAM FEATURES • Radon Basics and Health Effects • Interpretation of Results and Quality Assurance • Ethics and Professionalism • Radon Measurement Devices, Procedures, & Protocols • Worker Health and Safety • How to Market Your Radon Measurement Business • Radon Measurement Proficiency Exam on 18th and final day.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Contractors who are interested in expanding their current capability to include radon mitigation should take this course. Contractors will find that having an expertise in radon measurement will serve them well during the traditional "boom time" in the winter when the market for radon measurement operators is highest.

REGISTER: Complete and return the form to NAMC with \$100.00 refundable payment. Checks should be made payable to the National Association of Minority Contractors. Registration fee will be refunded with successful workshop completion. If a last minute emergency prevents you from attending, NAMC will allow you to substitute your enrollment to anyone you designate. However we will not allow you to attend another course, in lieu of your cancellation, and receive a refund. Send to: Elie Anderson, NAMC, 1833 P St. NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004, 202-974-8256. Fax 202-638-1876.

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ENTER FROM LILLEHAMMER

by Charles E. Belle

For everyone of them, there are at least 10 of us, and yet they welcome us with open arms. This is a country that wants the Winter Olympics. I mean this is a country that has a city named "Ski" and a street in that city called "Ski."

They claimed to have invented skiing, as well as the cheese slicer. Sami people, indigenous people of Norway, poor people too, invented a "cradle," they said, which was called "konse," and later called skiing.

It seems that the country's fourth place finish in the last Winter Olympics only increased its appetite for the XVII Olympic Winter Games here in Lillehammer. The U.S. finished only a few notches behind Norway in the total medal count and can be counted on this time to exceed its five gold medals. Competitively, give the nudge to Norway in any race. Their home turf! After all, it is reputed

that skiers once rescued their royal family, Kristin and Haakon, now mascots of the Games, before America was born. Both current heads of Norway's royal family, King Harold, who opened the Games with the sun shining on the snowsho spot on his head and H.R.H. Queen Sonja, called the savior of the country's culture, have strongly supported these Games. Lillehammer is the only city in the world with a skier on its coat of arms. Yes, this is a special place for skiers and other winter sport enthusiasts, in spite of the daily 10 degrees below zero weather.

Bobsledding, believe it or not, is one of the U.S.'s best events for a long-shot medal. We got a new sled and great teams. We have always won with new sleds in the past. True, it's been a long time since we won a gold medal in this winter sport but we will celebrate his 26th birthday here and high tech-created sled brightens our comeback.

Brian Shimer, on a Bio-Dyn sled,

is our USA team experienced four-man team driver, backed up by two "hot peppers."

People of African ancestry have been known more for popularizing modern day bobsledding rather than for their competency in competition. Karbi Kirby and Randy Jones plan to bring true respectability back to the sport for black athletes. R and y Jones, a 23-year-old brakeman from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is a multi-sport individual, who "regretted at first" this "cold weather" sport. However, backed by his parents, Jones is the premier brakeman in the country.

The Randy Jones piloted USA Team also features two of the five African Americans in the sport. Jeff Woodward, side push, 28, a 230-pounder from upstate New York and Chris Coleman, a brakeman, who will celebrate his 26th birthday here in Lillehammer. Coleman, a talented and controversial sports marketer, was replaced by the Bobsled Feder-

ation with NFL's Herschel Walker in the last Olympics. This was done despite the fact that Coleman had a better time than Walker in the previous summer trials. A goal medal and some warm weather is what Coleman,

a New Yorker, wants now.

A somber period was marked by His Excellency, Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, when he called for a moment of

silence to stop the killing around the world. When we see you in Atlanta, we shall know who in the world was listening when His Excellency said those words, way up North, as we parted on.

Support the Black United Fund of New Jersey



The New Horizons College Club in operation since 1970 has given thousands of minority students an opportunity to pursue college goals. It is one of 86 programs funded by the Black United Fund of New Jersey. Over the past 11 years, BUF/NJ has given more than \$2.5 million to more than 600 agencies across the state of New Jersey. (L-R standing) Morris Licky, Roy Southerland, Renata Smith, Sherette Malloy, Jennifer Taylor.

There is still time to join the Black United Fund of New Jersey (BUF/NJ) 5th Black History Month Appeal with a direct request for support from all who understand that a key to real change within the black community is to "Strengthen the Black Family."

BUF/NJ is the leading black charitable organization in the state of New Jersey whose primary mission is to create and perpetuate self-help and empowerment within the black community by reinvestment of financial resources and volunteerism. BUF/NJ has been successful over the years identifying and developing those grassroots agencies which have worked effectively on quality of life issues.

You can support BUF's efforts throughout the state by making a tax deductible monetary contribution and/or by volunteering. Checks should be made out to BUF/NJ and sent to: Suite 1419, Robert Treat Center, Newark, N.J. 07102. For more info. call 201-624-0909.

Farrahkan addresses controversy

(Continued from page 1)

have him (Farrahkan) on his show. The same as Donahue or any other white host should have the right to have me on their show," he said.

At the outset, Farrahkan gave thanks to the "Black community" for both print and electronic for presenting "the real truth about what is happening today." If it were not for the Black media, he said, recent events concerning him and the NOI would not have gotten any accurate coverage.

The minister charged the ADL in particular with fearing "the legitimization of Louis Farrakhan" among mainstream Black leadership. A recent background report by the ADL's Civil Rights Division entitled "Mainstreaming Anti-Semitism: The Legitimation of Louis Farrakhan" stated that the Muslim minister "has recently attained a new level of acceptance among certain mainstream Black organizations and leaders."

Commenting on the ADL, Farrahkan said, "They know the truth of what I say and they know the truth of what we are attempting to do to benefit our community, but their slander and defamation of Louis Farrakhan is to create an image of me that would cause Black people not to listen to the truth that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said God revealed to him for the freedom, justice, and equality of our people."

He also spoke at length about an ADL meeting held last weekend in Palm Springs, Fla. held to arrive at a strategy on how to deal with his "legitimation," according to an internal ADL document. "According to what I heard, Abraham Foxman (president of the ADL) said that they would work with the NOI on our positive programs in the Black community, but (he Foxman) would fight very

vigorously the 'anti-Semitism of the NOI'. Now, Mr. Foxman has called me a master of doublespeak, but I know that Mr. Foxman is not going to work with the NOI on its positive programs, cause right now the ADL in Chicago has sworn that they would do everything that is within their power to stop the Chicago Housing Authority and its giving of a contract to members of the NOI services for one of the worst crime infested housing developments in the city of Chicago. And they are fighting at every turn the good things that we are doing with AIDS and the cleaning up our community," he said, noting that the NOI's health minister, Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad, for more than three years has been treating AIDS patients in the United States with a treatment discovered in the East Africa country of Kenya. He also accused the ADL of initiating a letterwriting campaign to college presidents to frighten them from having members of the NOI speak at colleges and universities. "So they intend to go all out to destroy the reputation of Louis Farrakhan and the effectiveness of the NOI," he said.

Farrahkan feels the ADL's efforts to discredit him and the Nation (NOI) are failing. He gave the example of the nearly 25,000 who came out to hear him speak recently at the Jacob Javits Center in New York and the 12,000 who came out to a men's only meeting in Harlem to discuss solutions for eliminating crime in the Black community.

Farrahkan said that he did not realize until the Jesse Jackson presidential campaign in 1984 how much of an influence the ADL had over Black leaders and organizations.

Farrahkan feels that not only do

they influence Black leaders and organizations, "but they have considerable influence over Black professionals... including doctors, teachers, lawyers, as well as Black entertainers and sports figures... as Black people (we) can't speak of freedom until we break this inordinate control over those minds of our people who are the natural leaders of the masses. This must be made known and this control must be broken at all costs."

Discussing the "covenant" with Black leaders and organizations, the NOI minister said the "ADL exercised inordinate pressure on the Rev. Jackson, on the NAACP, on the CBC (Congressional Black Caucus) and other Black leaders to stand up and denounce Khalid (Dr. Khalid Abdul Muhammad) and, more important, denounce the NOI, to break the covenant that the CBC and the NAACP had entered into with the NOI."

Farrahkan said that he was informed the NAACP's executive director, Dr. Benjamin Chavis, said he would call for a summit of Black leaders and that he had recently done so. Along with the NAACP and the NOI, Farrahkan said Congressman Kweisi Mfume and some members of the CBC would participate in the summit as well as Joe Lowery of the SCLC.

The focus of the summit, Farrahkan said, would be to settle differences between Black leadership, and most important, to look at the overall condition of our community and the crisis we face. "And what we together did to help our organizations can go through the Black community to survive, Farrahkan said the NAACP has "affirmed" the covenant. He added that Mfume has taken the brunt of the heat from the Black community for the CBC's breaking of the covenant. He said it was Mfume who "brought out to us (NOI) and even though many in the Caucus did not agree, they chose to 'keep their tongues until this inordinate amount of pressure was put on them and then some of them began to speak, notable Major Owens of New York and John Lewis of Atlanta.'"

Farrahkan, who said that Mfume was singled out for initiating the covenant between the CBC and the NOI, said "the poor brother (Mfume) was left out there by members of the Caucus and I think that is unfair..."

He said that when the covenant was made approximately ten members of the Caucus were with Mfume and 30 members were not. "But out of his (Mfume's) love for... not only his constituency, but for Black people, he felt it absolutely necessary that we have a summit to discuss our problems and try to develop solutions to the many problems that face our community," said Farrahkan.

Questioned about the NOI's publication "The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews," Farrahkan said his research team uncovered the information in the book as a result of a controversy that Jews raised when he mentioned that they were involved in the African slave trade along with Africans, Arabs and white Christians. "The book was done out of a desire to defend me, not for political purposes," Farrahkan said. The book is a compilation of quotes from various Jewish scholars, Rabbis and historians, Farrahkan said.

"Each quote is documented and footnoted so that any person that reads the quote can go to the exact page and book where it is quoted from and read the entire context of each quote."

He stressed that the quotes are "absolutely authentic and this the Jews know, in fact in my talking to Jewish

Rabbis they asked me if I would denounce the book as a calumny against the Jewish people and I told them if the book were false I would denounce it because I want nothing of falsehood attached to my name."

He continued, "I said I would denounce the book tomorrow morning if you all would denounce every scholar that we quoted as a liar. And since they have not done that, I would not denounce the book."

Farrahkan said one purpose of the book is to justify reparations being paid to Black Americans for slavery and segregation. Farrahkan says the book serves in showing Jewish involvement in the slave trade and to

highlight the exact role that members of the Jewish community played in the destruction of Black people.

"If you notice all Jews have a record of everything that was done to them by the Gentile nations. Why do they keep records? They kept a record so that when they were in the position they could document all of the evils of the Gentiles, particularly in the era of the second World War to call for reparations from the German government and people which the Jews are receiving to this day," Farrahkan said.

Farrahkan says that they (Jews) are a part of "our plan, along with our African brothers, Arabs, white Chris-

tians, the United States government and everyone that had a role in the destruction of the Blacks of the Western hemisphere. Everyone has to have a role in paying reparations to the sons and daughters of those destroyed members of the African family."

Responding to charges that he has been sexist and misogynistic, Farrahkan, who has been married 40 years and has nine children by his wife Khadijah, said such charges aren't "our dignity with a response."

"Our history has never been one of discrimination against women, but the problem in the Black community is Black men killing, maiming and brutalizing

Black men, women and children. It is imperative since we have a men's class in the Nation that trains men and teaches men and civilizes men that we extend this teaching and training to the Black men of the Black community."

"And so this of course frightens our enemies and their fighting against us with everything they have including the law."

Responding to incessant media claims that the NOI's positive work is grounded in hate and anti-Semitism, Farrahkan said, "This is totally from a white perspective and particularly the ADL perspective. We have never been anti-Semitic."

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